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IMPORTANT DAYS

- ✚ February 2 - World Wetlands Day
- ✚ February 20 - World Day of Social Justice
- ✚ February 21 - International Mother Language Day
- ✚ February 23 - World Peace and Understanding Day
- ✚ February 24 - Central Excise Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **India to host 13th COP of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals in Gujarat**

On February 10, 2020, The Union Cabinet Minister for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and for the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting **Shri Prakash Keshav Javadekar** announced that the **13th Conference of Parties (COP)** of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) of Wild Animals, an Environment Treaty Supported by **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** is going to be hosted by India at **Gandhinagar in Gujarat**, from 17th – 22nd February 2020.

- i. India unveils the logo and Mascot for the 13th CMS COP 2020, logo is to Portray Important Migratory Species in India like Amur falcon, Humpback Whale and Marine Turtles, and the **Great Indian Bustard (Gibi)** is chosen as official Mascot.
 - ii. The theme for the CMS COP 13 in India is, “**Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them Home**”.
- **4th EAS conference on maritime security cooperation 2020 held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu**
A 2-day long 4th edition of EAS (East Asia Summit) Conference on Maritime Security Cooperation 2020 was held in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)** from February 6-7 2020. The conference was jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA),

Government of India (GoI) in association with the governments of Australia and Indonesia.

- **First ‘Jerusalem-Mumbai Festival’ will be held in Mumbai on Feb 15 & 16, 2020** **The first “Jerusalem-Mumbai**

Festival” will be held in Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya museum, **Mumbai, Maharashtra** on February 15 & 16, 2020. The festival is being organised by the **Jerusalem municipality in collaboration** with the Consulate General of Israel in Mumbai and the **Federation of India-Israel Chamber of Commerce**. **AIM:** Jerusalem-Mumbai festival provides special links between two cities and also to promote ties between India and Israel and creates a **platform for cooperation** among artists, tourism, cinema.

- **Government renames two Famous Institute after Sushma Swaraj**

The Ministry of External Affairs, announced that two Institutions, **The Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra** and **The Foreign Service Institute** have been named after former Indian Diplomat **Sushma Swaraj** for her Invaluable contribution in Public Service. The announcement is being made on her **68th Birth Anniversary** falling on February 14, 2020.

Key points:

- i. The Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra a cultural centre, renamed as **Sushma Swaraj Bhavan** and The Foreign Service Institute where Diplomats are trained, changed into **Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service**
- ii. Sushma was the 1st youngest cabinet minister in the Haryana Government and she also the 1st woman Chief Minister of New Delhi as well as the 1st woman spokesperson for a National political party in India.

About The Sushma Swaraj Bhavan:

Sushma Swaraj is a state-of-the-art Convention centre established by Ministry of External Affairs and was inaugurated by Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** on 2nd October 2016 at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

- **Vietnam's Vice President visited India from Feb 11 – 13, 2020; holds bilateral level talks with Venkaiah Naidu**

Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, **Mrs. Dang Thai Ngoc Thinh** paid a 3-day (February 11-13, 2020) visit to India, during which she held bilateral delegation-level talks with **Vice President of India, Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu**. They agreed to strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership established in 2016 between the two countries.

The Joint Inauguration of the launch of **direct flights between India & Vietnam** was held at New Delhi. Both sides also inked an agreement to open a resident office of Voice of Vietnam in New Delhi.

Key Points:

- Dang Thai also met President Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. Both the sides affirmed to provide mutual support on matters, especially on account of Vietnam becoming non-permanent member of United Nations Security Council (2020-21) and Vietnam assuming the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Chair in 2020.
- Vietnam is India's close strategic partner in ASEAN and plays an important role in the country's Act East policy.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **43rd Governing council meet of IFAD 2020 held in Rome, Italy**

A 2-day long 43rd session of the annual **Governing Council meeting of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) 2020** based on the theme **"Investing in sustainable food systems to end hunger by 2030"** was held at FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) headquarters in **Rome, Italy** from February 11- 12, 2020.

Key Points:

- The event, opened by President of the Republic of Mali, Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, witnessed interactive sessions on how IFAD's role and experience in supporting sustainable, inclusive, nutritious and efficient food systems place it in a unique position to contribute to eliminate hunger.
- It was also announced at the meet that the UN (United Nations) will not be able to achieve the target of Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 due to the lack of funds & it will be

achieved only by 2040 with an annual investment of more than \$115 billion.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Arvind Kejriwal will sworn as Delhi CM for 3rd time on Feb. 16, 2020**

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) party leader **Shri Arvind Kejriwal**, 51 years old, to be sworn as Chief Minister (CM) of New Delhi on February 16, 2020 at Ramlila Maidan, Delhi, with his cabinet members. He was CM of Delhi for consecutively 3 times during the period of 2013, 2015 and 2020. The party sent a letter to the Lieutenant Governor **Shri Anil Baijal** staking claim to form the government.

- **Former India all-rounder Robin Singh appointed as UAE's Director of Cricket**

On February 12, 2020 Former India all-rounder **Robindra Ramnarine Singh**, 56 years old, appointed Director of Cricket of the UAE (United Arab Emirates). He was appointed by Emirates Cricket Board after the dismissal of head coach Douglas Robert Brown.

- **ISRO space scientist G Narayanan becomes chairman of NSIL**

On February 11, 2020 Veteran ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) space scientist **G Narayanan** has been named as the **Chairman of NSIL** (New Space India Limited), a Public Sector Unit (PSU) of Government of India.

- **Government of India appointed Rajiv Bansal as new CMD of Air India**

On February 14, 2020 Government of India appointed **Rajiv Bansal** as CMD (Chairman & Managing Director) of Air India. He was the successor of **Ashwani Lohani**, who didn't agree to extend his 1 year contract, which expired on february 11, 2020.

OBITUARIES

- **Padma Shri awardee Giriraj Kishore passed away at 83:**

On February 9, 2020 **Padma Shri awardee & well-known Hindi Novelist Giriraj Kishore** passed away at the age of 83 in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP). He was born on 8th July 1937 in Muzaffarnagar, UP.

- **Famous Philosophical Author & RSS veteran P Parameswaran dies at 93**

On February 09, 2020, **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Veteran,**

Orator and Philosophical Author P. Parameswaran (93) passed away at Palakkad, Kerala due to age related ailments.

• **Padma Shri awardee & Fashion designer Wendell Rodricks passed away at 59**

On February 13, 2020 Famous Indian Fashion designer **Wendell Rodricks**, 59 years old, passed away at Colvale, Goa. He was born on 28th May 1960 in Goa.

• **Nobel Prize awardee & Former TERI, IPCC chief Rajendra Kumar Pachauri passed away at 79**

On February 14, 2020 **Rajendra Kumar Pachauri**, former Chairman and Director General of **The Energy Resources Institute (TERI)**, passed away at the age of 79 in New Delhi, India due to cardiac ailments. He was born on 20 August 1940 in Nainital, Uttarakhand.

PLACES IN NEWS

• **Tripura's 1st Hornbill festival was celebrated in Tripura on Feb 8, 2020**

On February 8, 2020 The **Hornbill festival** was celebrated in **Tripura**, Agartala. Chief Minister (CM) Biplab Kumar Dev inaugurated the 2 day hornbill festival at Baramura hill (in western tripura). The festival was celebrated for the **1st time** in Tripura.

Aim: The aim of the festival is to raise awareness among people for bird conservation & to boost tourism.

Key Points:

- i. **About Baramura Hill:** The Baramura hill was renamed as "Hathai Kotor" during kokborok Day celebrations on January 19, 2020. The Barmura hill is a traditional culture of conserving birds.
- ii. The 2 day festival includes technical sessions on conservation of biodiversity in the state, folk dances, skits, dramas on nature conservation.
- iii. The Hornbill festival is a celebration held every year from December 1 to 10, in Nagaland, Northeast India. It is also called the 'Festival of Festivals'.
- iv. Arunachal Pradesh & Manipur also started organising Hornbill festival following Nagaland.

AWARDS

• **Overview of 92nd Academy awards 2020 (Oscars 2020) held in Los Angeles, US**

On February 10, 2020, **92nd Academy Awards ceremony 2020 (commonly known as Oscars)**, presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), honored the best films of 2019 was held at the **Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, United States(US)**.

- i. The ceremony was hosted by actor and singer Billy Porter, award-winning journalist and talk show host Tamron Hall, supermodel Lily Aldridge and film critic Elvis Mitchell.
- ii. American actor, producer, and environmentalist **Joaquin Rafael Phoenix (45)** clinched the **best actor trophy** for his performance in "Joker", whereas American actress **Renée Kathleen Zellweger (50)** won the **best actress for "Judy"**.

• **Pullela Gopichand -1st Indian to receive International Olympic Committee's Coaches Lifetime Achievement Award**

On February 08, 2020, **Pullela Gopichand**, the Chief National coach for the Indian Badminton team has received the **International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Coaches Lifetime Achievement Award** in Male Category of the year **2019** on the 3rd edition of International Olympics Committee Annual Awards, He is the 1st Indian coach to be Honoured with this Lifetime award by the Olympics Committee.

Key points:

- i. Gopichand is a former Indian Badminton player, he founded the Gopichand Badminton Academy in 2008 where he trained, players like Saina Nehwal (Bronze medalist in 2012 summer Olympics), P.V. Sindhu, Parupalli Kashyap, Srikanth Kidambi and etc.
- ii. Gopichand also served as the Official Coach for the Indian Olympic badminton team at the 2016 Rio Olympics, Brazil (where Pusarla Venkata Sindhu won Silver Medal in Badminton).
- iii. **Awards-** Gopichand had received Government of India's Arjuna award (1999), Rajiv Gandhi khel Ratna (2001), Padma Shri (2005), Dronacharya award (2009) and Padma bhushan (2014).
- iv. **2020 summer Olympic** is going to be held in **Tokyo, Japan** from (24 July 2020- 9 august) 2020, and the **2022 winter Olympic** is going to be held in **Beijing, China** from (4February -20 February) 2022.

• **Mumbai's Kaamya Karthikeyan-Youngest Girl in the World to climb South America's Highest Peak Mt. Aconcagua**

On February 10, 2020 Kaamya Karthikeyan, 12 years old, a class 7 student of Navy Children School (NCS) in Mumbai, Maharashtra, became the youngest girl in the world to climb Mt. Aconcagua, Argentina, (highest peak in South America).

Key Points:

- i. Mount Aconcagua is the highest peak outside Asia which ranges about 6962 metres.
 - ii. Kaamya reached the mountain peak on February 1, 2020 and unfurled the Indian tricolour flag.
 - iii. **Achievements:** She also climbed Mt. Mentok Kangri II, Ladakh (6,260 meters), on August 24, 2019.
 - iv. She also reached the Everest Base Camp in Nepal (5,346 metres), Mt. Stok Kangri (6,153 metres) in Ladakh, Mt. Kilimanjaro (5,895 metres), Africa, Mt. Elbrus (5,642 metres), Europe & Mt. Kosciuszko (2,228 metres), Australia.
 - v. By 2021, she aims to complete "Explorers Grand Slam".
 - vi. **About Explorers Grand Slam:** It is an adventurer goal to reach North Pole & South Pole, and to climb 7 highest peaks in the world (Everest, Aconcagua, Denali, Kilimanjaro, Vinson and 2 other chosen highest mountain peaks chosen by the designates).
- **India's renowned Feminist scholar & activist Gita Sen wins Dan David Prize 2020**
Gita Sen, an Indian feminist scholar, activist has won the prestigious **Dan David Prize 2020** under "**present**" category for her path-breaking work in the fields of population policies, reproductive and sexual health, women's rights, poverty, labour markets and global governance.
- i. Ms. Sen, who is the Distinguished Professor & Director at the Ramalingaswami Centre on Equity & Social Determinants of Health, at the Public Health Foundation of India, has spent her 35 years of academic career in policy advocacy and activism, helping to shape the global paradigm shift on population and development.
- **India's President Shri Ram Nath Kovind awarded President's Colour to Indian Naval Station Shivaji**
On February 13, 2020 **Shri Ramnath Kovind**, President of India & Supreme Commander of IAF (Indian Armed Forces),

awarded **President's colour** (highest military honour) to **INS** (Indian Naval Station) Shivaji, Lonavala, Maharashtra. The award was received by Nishan Adhikari, INS Shivaji and A special cover marking the Platinum Jubilee of INS Shivaji (completed 75 years of service) was released by the President.

SPORTS

• **Bangladesh won the 13th ICC Under 19 Cricket World Cup 2020 defeating India in South Africa**

13th edition of 2020 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup, an international limited-overs cricket tournament was held in **South Africa** from 17 January – 9 February 2020. It was administered by International Cricket Council (ICC) & 16 teams participated in the cricket tournament with a total of 48 matches played between the teams. **Winner:** The Finals were held at the JB Marks Oval, Potchefstroom, South Africa between Bangladesh & India. **Bangladesh's** youth team defeated India by three wickets in a thrilling match in the final. With this, the Bangladesh team won the under-19 World Cup title for the first time.

i. **India's Yashasvi Jaiswal**, was adjudged **Player of the tournament**, he also scored the **highest runs(400 runs)** in the tournament.

• **Australia clinches ICC women's championship trophy 2020 for the 2nd time**

On February 8, 2020, **Australia** were awarded the **ICC (International Cricket Council) Women's Championship trophy 2020**, which they maintained by winning victories in the eight-team one-day championship between 2017 and 2020.

Key Points:

- i. The Australia's team was led by Meghann Moira Lanning (also known as Meg Lanning), which also won this trophy last time (ie 1st edition 2014–16).
- ii. With this, Australia making it to the Women's Cricket World Cup in New Zealand 2021.
- iii. The ICC Women's Championship has given hosts New Zealand and four top teams a direct place in the World Cup 2021. The remaining teams will play qualifiers through the Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2020 scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka from July 3 – 19, 2020.

• **India boxers bags 5 medals at 64th “Bocskai Istvan Memorial” boxing 2020 held in Debracen, Hungary**

On February 8, 2020, Indian boxers has clichéd 5 medals (4 silver, 1 Bronze) at the 64th “Bocskai Istvan Memorial” ,an International Boxing Tournament for Elite Men and Women in 2020 held in Debracen, Hungary from February 2-8, 2020.
Indian winners:

S.No.	Name	Category	Medal
1	Gaurav Chauhan	91 Kg	Silver
2	Jyoti Gulia	51 Kg	Silver
3	Manisha	57 Kg	Silver
4	PL Prasad	52 Kg	Silver
5	Sachin	57 Kg	Bronze

• **National snooker championship 2020 in Pune, Maharashtra: Aditya Mehta & Vidya Pillai wins men and women’s title:**

Indian former professional snooker player, Aditya Mehta (34) & Vidya Viswanathan Pillai (42) have won their men & women’s title respectively in Indian National Billiards & Snooker Championship 2020 held at PYC Hindu Gymkhana in Pune , Maharashtra from 11 January – 09 February 2020.

Key Points:

- Aditya Mehta, who represented the Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB),has defeated several-time world champion Pankaj Advani with 6-2 scores and won the title.
- While, in the women’s snooker finals, Karnataka’s Vidya Pillai defeated Ameer Kamani of Madhya Pradesh with 3-2 scores. This is the 10th National Snooker title of Pillai.
- The tournament was organised by Billiards and Snooker Association of Maharashtra (BSAM) and PYC Hindu Gymkhana, was held in 12 categories, including sub-junior boys and girls, junior boys and girls, senior men and women.

President of BSAM- Rajan Khinvasara

• **Mondo Duplantis breaks pole vault world record with 6.17m jump**

On February 9, 2020 Armand Mondo Duplantis, 20 years old, American-born Swedish pole vaulter, broke the World record of frenchman Renaud Lavillennie. Mondo Duplantis jumped a height of 6.17 meters on his 2nd attempt at the World Athletics Indoor Tour meeting in Torun, Poland.

Duplantis was born on 10 November 1999, at Lafayette, Louisiana, United States (US). Renaud Lavillennie’s, french-player, record was 6.16 meters in February 2014 in Donetsk, Ukraine.

• **ICC Men’s test rankings 2020: Kohli continues at No.1, Babar azam moves up two places to 5th**

As per the ICC (International Cricket Council) Men’s test ranking 2020 released on 11th February 2020, Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has retained his top position with 928 points in the list of batsmen. At the same time, Pakistan batsman Babar Azam, who scored a century in the first Test match against Bangladesh, has jumped two places to 5th in test batting rankings with 800 points.

- Cheteshwar Pujara has dropped one place to 7th position from 6th . At the same time, David Warner (Australia) has come in 6th place. Ajinkya Rahane remains in the top 10 and holds the 9th position.

• **Inaugural National winter games 2020 to be held in Ladakh and J&K’s Gulmarg**

As a part of Khelo India programme, Union Territory of Ladakh will host the inaugural Khelo India Winter Games 2020 in the third week of February and Kongdori, Gulmarg of Jammu and Kashmir will host from March 7, 2020. The Union sports ministry will fund both the Khelo India Winter Games 2020 which will be organised by JandK Sports Council and Winter Games Association of J&K, with 15 teams from different states and organisations.

• **Boxer Amit Panghal ranks world No. 1 in IOC’s ranking for Olympic qualifiers**

On February 13, 2020, A 24-year-old world championship silver medalist boxer Amit Panghal has ranked No.1 in 52kg weight category in International Olympic Committee’s (IOC) Boxing Task Force rankings for Olympics Qualifiers with 420 points. The ranking was based on the performance of players in the last two World championships (2017,2019) and the continental championships.

BANKING & ECONOMY

• **IndusInd Bank records highest growth in brand value among Top 500 Banking Brands 2020**

As per the The Banker’s ‘Top 500 Banking Brands 2020’ report, India’s IndusInd Bank

has topped the list of '**Highest increase in brand value**' among global banks. It's brand value saw an increase of **122%** over the past 12 months. The bank reported total assets of **Rs 3.1 lakh crore** at the end of Q3 FY20.

As a part of the report, the list "**Top 50 By Total Brand Value by Country**" has been topped by **China**, followed by **United States (US)** at 2nd position while **Canada** and the **United Kingdom (UK)** ranked at 3rd and 4th spots. **Japan** has moved up to fifth spot.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

• **Indian Army & Private firm developed the World's Cheapest Gun Shot Locator "Parth"**

On February 9, 2020 The **Indian Army's College of Military Engineering (CME)**, Pune, Maharashtra, jointly with a private firm developed gunshot locators named as "**Parth**". The device is much cheaper than the imported ones. Major **Anoop Mishra** displayed the Parth gun shot locator at **DefExpo 2020** held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

Key Points:

- Parth gunshot locator costs around Rs 3 lakhs which is less than the imported ones, which costs around Rs 65 lakhs.
- The device can locate the exact location of a bullet from a distance of 400m & neutralize terrorists faster.
- Major Mishra had developed a **bulletproof jacket** for protection against sniper bullets & a **helmet** which is claimed first in the world that can **stop AK-47** (Automatic Kalashnikov-47) bullets from a distance of **10 meters**.

• **DRDO developing a new ballistic missile Pranash with striking range of 200km**

On February 09, 2020, The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is developing Pranash, a new 200Km strike range ballistic missile which will be the advanced version of Prahaar, with the strike range of 150Km. Pranash is a single stage solid propellant surface-to-surface missile.

About Prahaar:

- Prahaar is a short range Ballistic missile having a strike range of 150 Km and it can carry the nuclear warheads up to 200Kg. It is a solid propellant surface to surface missile which can travel at the speed of Mach 2.
- BARC's Bhabha Kavach inducted in CISF**
During a ceremony held at CISF (Central

Industrial Security Force) UNIT, BARC Camp, **Trombay** in Mumbai, Maharashtra, **Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty**, Director BARC handed over 55 Bhabha Kavach bullet proof jackets to **Rajesh Ranjan**, Director General, CISF.

About Bhabha Kavach

- Developed by **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**, it is India's lightest level III plus bullet proof jacket (6.8 kgs nominal weight) based on indigenous hot pressed boron carbide and carbon nanotube technologies.
- It has qualified all the ballistic tests required as per the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the new Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
- It can stop 7.62 x 39 mm hard steel core bullets fired from AK 47 rifles, 5.56 x 45mm Ball MK M bullets of Indian Small Arms System (INSAS) rifles and Self Load Rifles (SLR)/Bolt action rifles with a back face signature of less than 15 mm.
- It has also received approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs for induction into all **Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)**.

• **US scientists discover the newborn massive planet closer to earth called "2MASS 1155-7919 b"**

On February 12, 2020, **Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)**, in Rochester, New York, **US (United States)** have detected the nearest-known '**baby giant planet**' called **2MASS 1155-7919 b**, just 330 light-years from Earth. The scientists discovered this very young exoplanet by using data from Gaia space observatory.

Key Points:

- This massive newborn planet is closer to Earth & has a mass just 10 times the size of Jupiter, the largest planet in the Solar System .It is located in the Epsilon Chamaeleontis Association.
- The baby planet orbits a star- that is only about 5 million years old, about one thousand times younger than our sun- at 600 times the distance the Earth orbits the Sun.
- The study has been published in the journal Research Notes of the American Astronomical Society.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Vice President released the book 'A Child of Destiny' an Autobiography by prof K. Ramakrishna Rao**

On February 08, 2020, The Vice President of India and Chairman of Rajya Sabha **Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu** released a Book titled 'A Child of Destiny' Autobiography penned by Professor **Koneru Ramakrishna Rao** at GITAM (Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management) University Vishakatapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India.

• **A book "Messages from Messengers" by Priti K Shroff launched**

On February 12, 2020 "Messages from Messengers" book written by **Priti K Shroff** was launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The book deals with Indian culture and tradition and is suitable for everyone in all stages of life, as a tool for self-guidance.

• **Haryana CM released book titled "A Commentary and Digest on The Air, Act 1981"**

Haryana Chief Minister (CM), **Manohar Lal Khattar**, released a book titled "A Commentary & Digest on The Air, Act 1981" at Chandigarh, Haryana. The book was written by **Dr K K Khandelwal** (Chairman, Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, HRERA) and **Apoorva Kumar Singh**, (Principal Secretary, Town & Country Planning & Urban Estates Department) and was published by The Bright Law House.

d) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

e) Gopinath Munde

4. **Which Indian Minister has attended the National workshop on e-office and launched the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) reforms in New Delhi?**

a) Jitendra Singh

b) Amit Shah

c) Nitin Gadkari

d) JaiShankar

e) Rajnath Singh

5. **Which is India's 1st railway station to add 5-star hotel on the tracks built by famous hotel chain Leela group which will be completed by December 2020?**

a) The Howrah Railway Station

b) Vijayawada Railway Station

c) Charbagh Railway Station

d) Ghum Railway Station

e) Gandhinagar railway station

6. **According to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Tuberculosis (TB) notifications to the Government since the launch of National Strategic Plan (2017-2025) the number of cases increased by _____ to 23.98 lakhs in 2019?**

a) 32%

b) 38%

c) 26%

d) 17%

e) 9%

7. **The Union Ministry of Shipping has announced 'Arth Ganga' project for a sustainable development model with a focus on economic activities along its Ganga bank. Who is the Union shipping minister?**

a) Mansukh Mandaviya

b) Sadananda Gowda

c) Dharmendra Pradhan

d) Prahalad Singh Patel

e) Hardeep Singh Puri

8. **Which Indian State Government has launched toll free helpline numbers for students to solve queries ahead of board exams 2020?**

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Telangana

c) Andhra Pradesh

d) Punjab

e) Haryana

9. **Dang Thai Ngoc Thinh who had a 3-day (Feb 11-13,2020) visit to India is the Vice President of Which Nation?**

a) Nepal

b) Myanmar

c) Vietnam

d) China

e) South Korea

10. **Which Indian Private sector bank signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) department of government of Odisha to boost startups?**

a) Yes Bank

b) Axis Bank

CURRENT GK QUIZ

1. **Which Indian Navy Ship joined with Sri Lanka to carry out Joint Hydrographic Survey off the South West Coast of Sri Lanka?**

a) INS Shivalik

b) INS Vikramaditya

c) INS Sahyadri

d) INS Jamuna

e) INS Kamorta

2. **The 2-day BIMSTEC 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking organized by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) was held at which Indian State/UT?**

a) Goa

b) Maharashtra

c) New Delhi

d) Punjab

e) Chandigarh

3. **The Union External Affairs Ministry has announced renaming of two institutions Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra and The Foreign Service Institute. The Institutions will be named after which former Indian Minister?**

a) Arun Jaitley

b) Sushma Swaraj

c) Ananth Kumar

- c) ICICI Bank d) HDFC Bank
e) IndusInd Bank
- 11. Which Country has put imports from India under the methodology for countervailing duty (CVD) investigations (Feb 2020)?**
a) Russia b) China
c) United Kingdom d) Mauritius
e) United States
- 12. Which E-Commerce company to invest \$1.6 Billion for setting up data centres in Hyderabad and Telangana (Feb 2020)?**
a) Amazon Web Services
b) Brainbees Solutions
c) Flipkart
d) IndiaMART
e) FSM Ecommerce ventures
- 13. As per Finance Minister of India, the nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) value of the country in Financial Year 2020 (2019-2020) is _____?**
a) \$2 Trillion b) \$2.2 Trillion
c) \$2.5 Trillion d) \$2.9 Trillion
e) \$3.3 Trillion
- 14. Name the person, who has been appointed as chairman of New Space India Limited (NSIL) on Feb 2020?**
a) S. K. Mitra
b) A. S. Kiran Kumar
c) B. N. Suresh
d) G Narayanan
e) G. Madhavan Nair
- 15. The Government of India has appointed Rajiv Bansal as new Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of which Indian Public Sector company?**
a) Airports Authority of India (AAI)
b) Air India
c) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
e) National Fertilizers[NFL]
- 16. Suryakanth Mainak, the chairman of which credit rating agency resigned recently (Feb 2020)?**
a) Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)
b) Information and Credit Rating Agency Limited (ICRA)
c) Credit Analysis and Research limited (CARE)
d) India Rating and Research Pvt. Ltd.
e) Small and Medium Enterprises Rating Agency of India (SMERA)
- 17. Who has won the Genome Valley Excellence Award of BioAsia 2020 along with American Neurologist and oncologist Dr. Carl H June?**
a) Soumya Swaminathan
b) Don W Cleveland
c) MK Bhan
d) Anji Reddy
e) Vasant Narsimhan
- 18. Name the Indian who has won the prestigious Dan David Prize 2020 under "Present Category"?**
a) Shrinivas Kulkarni
b) Sanjay Subrahmanyam
c) A. B. Yehoshua
d) Christiana Figueres
e) Gita Sen
- 19. The President of India has awarded the President colors award to which Indian Naval Station (Feb 2020)?**
a) INS Parundu b) INS Shivaji
c) INS Dega d) INS Trata
e) INS Vajrakosh
- 20. Name the person who has won the Indian Achievers Award 2020 for "Outstanding contribution to Indian Education"?**
a) Mukesh Rishi b) Shyam Jaju
c) Rajendra Indraman Singh
d) Bhaichung Bhutia
e) Anurag Singh Thakur

Answers: dcbae/baacd/eaddb/ceebc